

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

This world is a huge place for people, animals and plants. They all have to eat, sleep, and do daytime or nighttime activities to meet their needs. But humans are the more perfect and cleverest creatures in the environment than animals and plants. Then humans take the environment under their control and their system. Humans are not like animals that only have instincts, humans also have brains in their round heads filled with intelligent minds and they are accepted by God to be a leader in this world. Every human behavior depends on the system of their mind. To recognize the extreme behavior in a person, inferiority can be the underlying impulse of his behavior. That could explain why people are always obsessed with achieving goals in their lives. However, that does not really solve the problem in his life.

“Perhaps the greatest faculty our minds possess is the ability to cope with pain. Classic thinking teaches us of the four doors of the mind, which everyone moves through according to their need. First is the door of sleep. Sleep offers us a retreat from the world and all its pain. Sleep marks passing time, giving us distance from the things that have hurt us. When a person is wounded they will often fall unconscious. Similarly, someone who hears traumatic news will often swoon or faint. This is the mind's way of protecting itself from pain by stepping through the first door. Second is the door of forgetting. Some wounds are too deep to heal, or too deep to heal quickly. In addition, many memories are simply painful, and there is no healing to be done. The saying 'time heals all wounds' is false. Time heals most wounds. The rest are hidden behind this door.

Third is the door of madness. There are times when the mind is dealt such a blow it hides itself in insanity. While this may not seem beneficial, it is. There are times when reality is nothing but pain, and to escape that pain the mind must leave reality behind. Last is the door of death. The final resort,

nothing can hurt us after we are dead, or so we have been told.” (Patrick Rothfuss, The Name of the Wind)

The main of human behavior is reflected in its psychology. Human being need to control their behavior in order to reach their goal in society. Every people have their weak feeling that called as inferiority feeling. They also looking how to surpass it. It is a valuable thing for them to achieving their goal. That situation created because human beings naturally have ambitions in many aspects in their life. Every people wanted their life better than others. For example, human beings get a job to earn money and improve their status in the society. They did such a hard work in order to earn more money and make them a rich people. In that condition human can change their conditions and manage their life as like as what had their dreamed. In addition, every human can do everything to catch their dream. There are good and bad behavior that human beings have to control from their mind and habit. This is because self-control of human beings can be considered as a complex concept (Lopatto & William, 1976).

Beside of that there is a literary work. Literature has close relationship with psychology, because literary work is a kind of form and creativity of art that sometime used as self-reflection by human to study mind and their behavior. It is impossible for people on creating literary work if they do not have any power to understand their behavior and mind. The other important think is self-experience and the relation between others and also the experience about environment and society. The relation between the others can be called as social relation. Social relation can give idea and inspiration on creating a literary work, also as support feeling to the author. In other reason it will reflect the author's background, feeling and the power of view toward the social facts. Sometimes, literary work that has been created by the author usually reflected in human life and their behavior in any situation. The knowledge of psychology can help the author to create characters in their literary work more real as good as situation and plot (Welleck and Warren, 1956: 88-91)

Dark Place is a novel written by Gillian Flynn. This is published in 2009. It has three hundreds and forty-nine page. This novel tells about Libby escape a massacre in her own home, in which both of her sisters and her mother were killed. Her brother was convicted of the murders as Libby testified against him and sentenced to life in prison. Libby has no contact with her brother, is quite challenged and lives off of money people gave to help her when the case was popular. She is informed that money is almost over and begins to think what to do to get it back. She meets a man called Lyle, who runs a Kill Club. Kill Club is a club for people who are obsessed it murders, kill and such. She begins doing things for them money. They are convinced her brother Ben has wrongly convicted, and pay to her research the crime talk to her brother, visit in him jail, talk to her estranged dad et cattera . Many strange thing surfaces, Ben was supposedly a Devil worshipper, her father was violent and wanted money, but we also find out her mother was going to lose the farm they all lived on because she owed money.

The story is told from a few points of view including the past. Libby tracks down an old girlfriend of Ben's, Diodora, who was pregnant at the time of the murders and disappeared. She find her and visit, and shocked to meet Crystal, her niece, alive and well. Diodora and Crystal attack and try to kill her, but Libby escapes once again. Diodora is found and arrested, while her daughter remains in hiding. It turns out Diodora and Ben wanted to escape, but one of Libby's sister caught them and threatened tell everyone about the pregnancy. Diodora attacked her, enraged, and strangled her enraged and strangled her. As this was happening, a man entered their home. Nobody knew that their mother had met up with a man earlier, who promised her a better future for her children. He would kill her better future for her children. He would kill her and the kids would get her life insurance, pay off kids would get the her life insurance, pay off the debts. and be happy, but she would have to die. She agreed to this, thinking it was for the best. As the man came into the house, Libby's mother prepares to die, but the other sister waddled in, surprising the killer. He ended up killing both the mother and the child as she was witness. He is convicted as he

has committed many similar crimes, and does not confess to any of them, except to the murder Libby's sister, which has been haunting him for years. As the novel end, Ben is released from prison and vows to start with small changes, reuniting with Libby and maybe even finding Crystal, who is still on the run.

Dark Place is well known novel which positive response. More than hundred positive response, but here, researchers will only show two responses because this research is not about reader responses. First response comes from Raeleen Lemay. She gave four score for Flynn's *Dark Place*. She said that she was totally enjoyed reading the novel. The story and characters were so twisted, and the last hour or so of the audio book was insane.

And then comes from Emily May. She rated it perfectly, five scores. She highly recommended the novel. She loves the writing style and characterization. She also thought that Flynn is fantastic author and furthermore she was so hooked by the mystery right away. She also interested with the ending of the novel.

In the other hand, two is also negative response. The first negative responses come from Katie. She only rated two for Flynn's novel. She said that reading Flynn's books always made her felt like she needed to get in tub and scrubbed her clean. It was because Flynn's novel was dark, dirty, disturbing, and disguising. She thought that the end of *Dark Place* was hastily written and disappointingly tidy.

And then come from Ferdy. He also rated to for Flynn's novel. He explained that the character were all unlikeable, which would have been find if they'd at least somewhat interesting bud sadly, most of them were dull. The murder mystery or investigation was mildly engrossing, but the reveal in the end was majorly disappointingly.

There are three reasons why the writer interested in analyzing this novel. First, the writer is interested with the title. It seems so horror and full of challenging in reading, and the last reason is about the structural elements of the novel, especially the plot and the character. The plot is wonder full so the

readers never bored. The writing type of Flynn's is a great because she can cover a mystery story with her touching language.

Based on the background above, the researcher uses the individual psychological theory as an approach to analyze this novel. This study conducted under the title: **THE MISTERY OF DEATH REFLECTED IN THE GILLIAN FLYNN'S THE DARK PLACE NOVEL (2009): AN INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH**

B. Problem Statement

Based on the title and the background of the study, the main problem of the study is "How mistery of death reflected in major character of *The Dark Place* novel by Gillian Flynn?"

Based on the problem statement, the writer would like perform a research questions, as follows:

1. How the character of Libby Day analized using the theory of Individual psychology ?
2. How is the mistery of death reflected in *The Dark Place* novel by Gillian Flynn?

C. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. To analyze the the main character of Libby Day with theory of an Individual Psychology.
2. To explain the mistery of death reflected in *Dark Place Novel (2009)* by Gillian Flynn.

D. Limitations of the Study

The researcher focusing on analyzing mistery of death, Libby Day as main character in *The Dark Place (2009)* novel by Gillian Flynn with Individual Psychological Approach proposed by Alfred Adler.

E. Benefits of The Study

By representing this research, the writer hopes that it will give some benefit as follows:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The result of the study is to give additional information about literature especially dealing with Gillian Flynn's *The Dark Place* novel.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience for the researcher in many things and for other students of Muhammadiyah University of Surakarta or for other universities where the same interest in literary study have on the literature from a developmental Individual psychological approach.

F. Research Paper Organization

This study divided into five chapters, as follows: Chapter 1 is Introduction. In this chapter the writer covered the background of the study, the problem statement, the objectives of the study, the limitations of the study, the benefits of the study, and the research paper organization. Chapter 2 related literary theories consist of underlying theory, previous study and the novelty of the research. Chapter 3 is research methods consists of type of the study, object of the study, type of data and data source, method of collecting data and technique of analyzing data. Chapter 4 consists of analysis and discussion of mystery death, in Libby Day character as major character in *The Dark Place* novel by Gillian Flynn's. Chapter 5 consists of conclusion, pedagogical implication and suggestion of the research.